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SUBJECT: MAKARIOS' PROPOSALS

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1. NEW POLITICAL COUNSELOR, DURING COURSE OF PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED INITIAL COURTESY CALLS AT TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY, REQUESTED FEW MINUTES WITH ECMEL BARUTCU (DIRECTOR OF GREEK-CYPRUS AFFAIRS) TO DELIVER COPY OF MAKARIOS PROPOSALS (REF A). EMBOFF EXPLAINED SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD PROMISED ARCHBISHOP THAT POINTS WOULD BE DELIVERED, THAT MISSION WAS BEING CARRIED OUT STRICTLY FOR GOT'S INFORMATION, AND THAT USG TOOK NO POSITION ON ARCHBISHOP'S PROPOSALS.

2. BARUTCU WAS CLEARLY VERY TIRED AND BUSY, HAVING RETURNED ONLY EVENING BEFORE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GUNES FROM GENEVA. HE INSISTED, HOWEVER, THAT EMBOFF SIT WHILE HE READ PAPER CONTAINING MAKARIOS' POINTS. BARUTCU LAUGHED THREE TIMES AS HE READ THE PAPER TO HIMSELF AND THEN COMMENTED "TOO LATE, TOO LATE". HE CONTINUED THAT MAKARIOS SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT LONG AGO OF RETURNING TO 1960 CONSTITUTION, BUT ANY SUCH POSSIBILITY WOULD NOW REPEAT NOW NEVER BE ACCEPTABLE TO GOT. BARUTCU

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EMPHASIZED IT IS GOT POSITION THAT ENTIRELY NEW CYPRIOT CONSTITU-

TION MUST NOW BE WRITTEN, ALTHOUGH THAT DOCUMENT WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY INCLUDE "SOME ELEMENTS FROM 1960 CONSTITUTION". EVERYONE INVOLVED IN NEXT ROUND AT GENEVA MUST REALIZE THAT THIS WILL BE THAT MEETING'S FUNDAMENTAL POINT OR NO SOLUTION ACCEPTABLE TO GOT WILL BE ARRIVED AT.

3. BARUTCU SAID OBVIOUSLY TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY ONLY NOW BEGINNING TO PLAN DETAILED OBJECTIVES AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT GENEVA ROUND. HE DID, HOWEVER, ASSUME THAT HE WOULD BE RETURNING TO GENEVA WITH FOREIGN MINITER GUNES, BUT HE DOUBTED THAT GUNES COULD REMAIN IN GENEVA "FOR LONG".

4. IN CONCLUSION, BARUTCU MADE SPECIAL POINT OF NOTING THAT HIS DOOR WAS OPEN FOR FURTHER EXCHANGES DURING COMING DAYS.
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